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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Gerald Gauthier

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-47 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-47 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement submitted on February 11, 2002 was received. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly the examiner is considering the information disclosure statement.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. **Claim(s) 1-47** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hanson et al. (US 6,014,427).

Regarding **claim(s) 1 and 11**, Hanson discloses a method of storing voice-messages with attachments (column 1, lines 6-8), the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a voice-mail message (FIG. 4 and column 4, lines 18-27) [The message creation system 212 receives the action message of the subscriber];

receiving a location of an attachment to the voice-mail message (FIG. 4 and column 4, lines 28-50) [The action message script generator 226 receives the desired number of predefined response in the voice mail message]; and

storing the location of the attachment to the voice-mail message (FIG. 4 and column 5, lines 8-30) [The message creation system 212 stored the numbers chosen by the subscriber to the action voice mail message created by the user].

Regarding **claim(s) 2, 12 and 23**, Hanson discloses after the step of receiving the voice-mail message, the method comprises the further step of issuing a prompt to leave the attachment to the voice-mail message (column 4, lines 28-50).

Regarding **claim(s) 3 and 14 and 36**, Hanson discloses the step of receiving the location of the attachment to the voice-mail message includes verbally receiving the location of the attachment to the voice-mail message (column 4, lines 28-50).

Regarding **claim(s) 4 and 15**, Hanson discloses the step of receiving the location of the attachment to the voice-mail message includes receiving the location via a keypad (column 4, lines 28-50).

Regarding **claim(s) 5, 16 and 32**, Hanson discloses the keypad includes any one of a mobile terminal keypad, a computer keyboard or a terminal touch screen (column 4, lines 28-50).

Regarding **claim(s) 6, 17 and 25**, Hanson discloses the location of the attachment to the voice-mail message includes a uniform resource identifier (URI) (column 3, lines 38-64).

Regarding **claim(s) 7 and 18**, Hanson discloses the location of the attachment to the voice-mail message includes an address on a public network (column 3, lines 38-64).

Regarding **claim(s) 8, 19 and 45**, Hanson discloses the location of the attachment to the voice-mail message includes an address on a private network (column 3, lines 38-64).

Regarding **claim(s) 9, 20, 24, 33, 35, 37 and 44**, Hanson discloses after the step of receiving a location of the attachment to the voice-mail message, the method comprises the further step of determining a content-type of the attachment to the voice-mail message (column 4, lines 51-67).

Regarding **claim(s) 10, 21, 26, 34, 36 and 40**, Hanson discloses the determined content-type of the attachment to the voice-mail message includes at least one of text, audio, graphics and video (column 4, lines 51-67).

Regarding **claim(s) 13, 27, 38 and 39**, Hanson discloses the step of receiving the attachment to the voice-mail message includes the sub-steps of:

receiving a location of the attachment to the voice-mail message (column 7, lines 3-16); and

retrieving the attachment to the voice-mail message from the received location (column 7, lines 3-16).

Regarding **claim(s) 22**, Hanson discloses a method of retrieving voice-mail messages with attachments (column 1, lines 6-8), the method comprising the steps of:

detecting an attachment to a voice-mail message (FIG. 5 and column 7, lines 55-65) [The message retrieval and playback system 210 determines whether the message is an action message]; and

providing access to the attachment to the voice-mail message (FIG. 5 and column 7, lines 55-65) [The message retrieval and playback system 210 calls action message script interpreter 228 to execute the particular pre-defined responses and action types].

Regarding **claim(s) 28**, Hanson discloses the step of providing access to the attachment to the voice-mail message comprises the sub-step of playing the attachment without requiring a proceed-to-play indication from the user (column 7, lines 3-16).

Regarding **claim(s) 29**, Hanson discloses the step of receiving the indication that access to the attachment is desired includes receiving an authorized security credential (column 3, lines 38-64).

Regarding **claim(s) 30**, Hanson discloses the step of receiving an authorized security credential includes verbally receiving an authorized security credential (column 3, lines 38-64).

Regarding **claim(s) 31**, Hanson discloses the step of receiving an authorized security credential includes receiving an authorized security credential that is entered by a keypad (column 3, lines 38-64).

Regarding **claim(s) 41**, Hanson discloses the step of providing access to the portions of the compound document that may be rendered in audio form includes the sub-steps of:

identifying portions of the compound document that represent textual information (column 4, lines 51-67);

converting the portions of the compound document identified as representing textual information into audio form (column 4, lines 51-67); and

providing audio playback of the converted portions (column 4, lines 51-67).

Regarding **claim(s) 42**, Hanson discloses the step of providing access to the portions of the compound document that may be rendered in audio form includes the sub-steps of:

identifying portions of the compound document that are in audio form (column 4, lines 51-67); and

providing audio playback of the portions of the compound document identified as being in audio form (column 4, lines 51-67).

Regarding **claim(s) 43**, Hanson discloses the step of providing access to the attachment to the voice-mail system includes the sub-steps of:

prompting the called party to input commands to select specified portions of the attachment for retrieval (column 7, lines 45-65);

receiving the commands for the specified portions of the attachment (column 7, lines 45-65); and

playing back the selected portions of the attachment to the voice-mail message (column 7, lines 45-65).

Regarding **claim(s) 46 and 47**, Hanson discloses all the limitations of **claim(s) 46 and 47** as stated in claim(s) 1' s rejection above and furthermore Hanson discloses issuing a prompt for an attachment to a voice-mail message (FIG. 4 and column 4, lines 28-50) [The action message script generator 226 prompts the subscriber to indicate the desired number].

Conclusion


4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gerald Gauthier whose telephone number is (703) 305-0981. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Fan Tsang can be reached on (703) 305-4895. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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